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Attorney Watson Grills Witnesses
Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Several witnesses were examined before Judge Cassels at the afternoon sitting of the Marine Department inquiry. There was no conclusive evidence of wrongdoing in respect to the various transatlantic deals with lost counsel for the commission seemed to regard some of the statements made with considerable skepticism. In almost every case it was not possible to complete the examination of witness owing to the absence of necessary books. When court met the examination of the Police from Works, of Toronto, which had been begun at the time of the adjournment, was resumed. Questioned in respect to the payment of \$200 made by the late Frank Polson to Capt. C. O. Spain, Miller said that there was nothing in the books of the company to show the money had been refunded. By Capt. Spain. Judge Cassels referred to the witness's statement to the effect that Polson privately kept the money, and asked the witness if he did not think that such action would have been dishonest. "It would if he had kept the money for himself, but not if he had used it for expenses," said Miller. Judge Cassels said the point was whether Capt. Spain's statement was correct or whether it was incorrect, and if the money had been given as a gift. To Watson Miller said that the company's system of doing business was the problem was not too irregular. Counsel got witness to say that he always tried to be careful in business matters and that he would not say why he could not explain several of the transactions of various checks drawn chargeable to cash. Polson said that was not one of the witnesses. He may have asked Mr. Watson about the matter but if he did he never got an answer from him. "And would you be contenting to leave it at that?" "Yes, I trusted him in such matters," Miller did not know that any of the money of which these entries referred had been given as tips or gratuities, to officials. The examination then switched to the tender for the construction of government protective lock Vign. The tender was for \$124,000. Miller declared that the contract was in by the Hamilton Engine Co., some time earlier or on October 13, 1903. Miller declared that the contract was for a smaller lock, and that the specifications were different. A search through the records of the department revealed the fact that the Hamilton Company specifications had been returned after the Police company tender had been accepted. Mr. Watson thereupon got the permission of the commission to telegraph to the manager of the Hamilton Engine Works at Hamilton, Ontario and bring the specifications with him. Mr. Watson planned to telegraph to the manager of the Police works to the effect that he did not object any information to the point that they ran into a good many thousands of dollars. For this witness declared the company got only ordinary rates. "Outside of government work what gratitudes were given?" interrupted the judge. "It may be that some were given but not many," "You could shorten matters by saying what gratitudes were given," employees of the Marine Department," pursued the judge. "I don't know that they got a cent. If anything of that kind was done it was done by Mr. Polson," declared Miller. Charges for repairs to the steamer Algonquin were then taken up. Mr. Watson wanted to know why the original tender called for the expenditure of only \$17,000 while the account showed that \$35,422 had been paid. Miller explained that the tender did not include everything, and there was some confusion in the orders. The company tendered the last three years had done business with the department to the extent of \$200,000. It had lost money on a good deal of the work, and would not average a fair profit. R. C. McKay, of Hamilton, whose steamer Otterdale, had been charged to take supplies to the light-house, was asked why \$7,500 was paid for service when he had offered to do the work for \$5,000. McKay said the tender had included in the bill for the work had been got for him by Zimmerman, M. P. Several other witnesses were examined, but owing to lack of books there was nothing conclusive.

IN GREAT DEMAND.
This paper believes that hundreds of people in Alberta will read this remarkable set of books, especially as it contains a list of the preliminary shipment of 25 sets has been ordered to be sent to The Journal at once. An advertisement, with copies is inserted in other papers of this paper. Orders, accompanied by cash, will be filled strictly in rotation as soon as the extra sets are in. The Journal does not guarantee immediate delivery of the sets as ordered. There is no money in its hands for The Journal. This other book, however, is being selected along with a few other leading papers of Canada to carry out a special demand and is glad to give the books and the efforts for that purpose.

SHIPS WRECKED
(Western Associated Press.)
Sydney, Dec. 17.—The French schooner Marcelline, Captain Degre, from Cadix, Spain, for St. Pierre, St. John, grounded off the coast of Morion yesterday. The crew of seven escaped.

BRITISH TORPEDO BOAT LOST.
(Western Associated Press.)
London, Dec. 17.—The British torpedo boat No. 29 is today a total wreck on Champs Bay, where the stranded yesterday. The crew of fourteen had a narrow escape from drowning.

AUSTRIANS IN TROUBLE IN HAMILTON.
Hamilton, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Kate Kallman, a Austrian woman, keeper of a boarding house, was arrested tonight charged with abducting a companion named Harish (phonetic) with which she was conversing the woman suddenly drew a revolver and fired two shots, one hitting in the right shoulder. The story of the woman is that she was told by Harish that he was a doctor at his home, and that he had a small but not in self defense she used the weapon.

For Rural Government

(Western Associated Press.)
Regina, Sask., Dec. 16.—In the legislature today Attorney-General Torgerson moved the second reading of the bill providing for the creation of rural municipalities throughout the province. Except for a few changes the bill is the same as last session's but the bill provides for the division of the entire province into municipalities, each to consist of one township, except where the configuration of the country will not permit. The blocking out of the province will begin at the southern corner with the whole province will be thus blocked out showing how the system will eventually work out. Bringing of the law into effect is purely optional under the bill. It was provided that upon petition of fifty per cent. of the residents of the municipal commission should make and decide whether the provisions of the law should be put into effect. The governing body of municipalities will consist of a council, elected by the whole municipality, and a council of six who shall be selected as representatives of six All powers now enjoyed by local improvement districts are delegated to the new municipalities and, in addition, certain other powers including police, justice, and fire, and certain limitations, to destroy noxious weeds and animals, for assessment in school districts, for preservation of public health, and to regulate public highways and so forth. Mr. Langley, (lib. M.P.) expressed his belief that the bill was not made compulsory as a bare measure could hold back a whole country. He predicted also that there would be a saving of money by the coming into effect of a local authority while the other portion did not. He also saw trouble in relation to the local option feature of the liquor license act which provided for local option voting in municipal cities whereas no such provision existed in local improvement districts. In regard to the system of assessment provided for he opposed the suggestion that should be so arranged as to bear more heavily on the holders of property and more heavily on the owners and less on the tenants. He also saw trouble in relation to the local option feature of the liquor license act which provided for local option voting in municipal cities whereas no such provision existed in local improvement districts. In regard to the system of assessment provided for he opposed the suggestion that should be so arranged as to bear more heavily on the holders of property and more heavily on the owners and less on the tenants. He also saw trouble in relation to the local option feature of the liquor license act which provided for local option voting in municipal cities whereas no such provision existed in local improvement districts. In regard to the system of assessment provided for he opposed the suggestion that should be so arranged as to bear more heavily on the holders of property and more heavily on the owners and less on the tenants.

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The LURE OF THE HUSBAND

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John Keller, shot in Baltimore, Md. by J. G. Barker.

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Men Who Have Given the Unwritten Law a Vogue

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The shocked attention has been riveted upon the bizarre civilization beyond the Atlantic by a fusillade of revolver shots, magnified by the enthralled European imagination into the idea that the majority of American husbands were firing by platoons into the rest of the male population in vindication of their sacred honor.

The injured husband and his ready gun, together with his reliance upon "the unwritten law," receive little or no sympathy from Europe, largely because Europe considers the idea infinitely more polite, and largely because it is so experienced in marital infidelity that the invader of the home possesses there a distinct status as a gentleman, incurably entitled to the honor of the duel.

So long as any courteous background is ready to back up his blackguardism with its courage, any husband is in duty bound to offer him an even chance to add murder to his other crimes. In the United States the only course which public opinion can unqualifyingly commend is the gentle, incoherent divorce. So the American practice of shooting the exponent of immorality with as little consideration as one would shoot a burglar remains, in European eyes, eminently de trop.

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SUPPOSE WE PUSH THE CLOCK AN HOUR AHEAD.



"CHARLIE—oh, Charlie! Get up this half-past eight, and you'll be late for work." She succeeded in raising his sleepy head a few inches from the pillow, but he fell back again with a resolute that jarred the bedstead.

"You Charlie—do you hear me! It's half-past eight at the clock." Half Hired, he stared at the insolent dial. Yes; it was half-past eight. He leaped out, and drew the curtains. The night light glared at him.

reached under the bed for his clock. "I'm a poor, but honest man; and no falsifying clock is going to snare me out of bed at half-past 8 another day longer."

The heel of the shoe went through the glass and the clock face, with all the tons of his accumulated wrath.

"That," announced Charlie, as he dove back under the heavenly covers, "settles this hour-ahead business. If I lose my job this morning."

It was the beginning of the terrible war on clocks, the war which had been imported from England, where they didn't like the new time arrangement any better than he.

few minutes, you know, well, time could be accelerated of a pick-up-up; to increase the efficiency of the office force.

At that agreeable stage of the parting-dance process on the working day, Great Britain suddenly awoke to the appalling fact that Germany, where everybody manufactured with such precision, had no clock at all.

The searching of hearts and the sifting of consciences followed. The clock was the only thing that was not a part of the machine, and it was the only thing that was not a part of the machine.

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CURRENT COMMENT

There are indications that Hon. Clifford Sifton will not submit to his political burial without remonstrance. One of the most notable of these is the effort of certain newspapers owned, controlled or influenced by him to convince the public that the interest was not only and regularly maintained.

As for the reiterated of the local Sifton newspaper that the reports of its esteemed proprietor's political demise are greatly exaggerated, they may pass unnoticed. They are not taken seriously by the western public which prefers to believe its own eyes rather than the assurances of a directly interested party.

The significant press utterances are emanating from the East. They are, it is true, confined to a somewhat narrow and irresponsible source, but they are sufficiently important to invite notice. These press comments ring the changes between glorification of Mr. Sifton and denunciation of his enemies. They all point to an organized movement to restrain Eastern Canada from sharing the conclusion of Western Canada that Mr. Sifton is no longer a factor in Canadian public life.

The public will be curious to know just what peculiar utterances these newspapers have in the political destiny of Clifford Sifton. That is something that may develop later on. There is a tangible explanation of most mysteries and the solution of this one will arrive in due course.

Meanwhile a sympathetic public exercising its usual tolerant reverence for the politically dead will wish Mr. Sifton as much success with the Eastern obituary organ that are trying to resurrect him as with the unhappy journal that is engaged on the excavation work in Winnipeg—Telegraph.

COL HUGHES

A fine figure of a man is Col. Sam Hughes.

He'd just as soon live as die for his country, for his prowess is not confined to the battlefield. His fighting instinct reveals itself on the floors of Parliament. During the course of a hot debate, Col. Hughes' rapid-like argument does yeoman service. He can stand the shock of conflict. He is a good soldier, in mind or out of it.

Colonel Hughes is not easily rebuffed. What true warrior is! When the Boer war broke out, Col. Hughes felt the edge of his sword, and gave a significant glance nowhere in particular. Personally he felt indignant that British supremacy in South Africa was menaced. He felt moved to sail for the Cape, and give the British commanders the benefit of his experience. Somehow or other he couldn't land a commission, but a trifling matter like that didn't daunt him. By hook or crook—with or without a commission, he would tread the velvet and within a month Cape Town knew the doughty colonel from Canada. Did he linger long in Cape Town? Not he! He was a soldier not a tourist. He scented a fight and merily chased the wily burghers from Coleruberg, Maikling, and from Natal to Kimberty. Sometimes the burghers chased him. However, it was a game to the Colonel's liking. He helped paint one end of the dark continent a vivid red. The Colonel has a good eye for color.

The Colonel has ability in various directions. He can fight Dutch gentlemen, harangue the House on any subject, tell Earl Roberts that he is mistaken about those Germans, size up a western proposition and address the Saskatchewan Canadian Club. Col. Hughes is a man of infinite resource and capacity. He is our own Canadian Colonel—this man from little old Lindsay, down in Ontario.

Birth, marriage and death notices are inserted free of charge. Accounts for commercial advertisements rendered monthly all others payable in advance.

TO CORRESPONDENTS

We invite correspondence on topics of general interest to the public, but reserve to ourselves the privilege of omitting therefrom any language which we deem objectionable. We desire also that correspondents sign their names to their communications, though not necessarily for publication.

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT No. 27 R. 4.

The sixth council meeting of L.I.D. No. 27 R. 4 was held in the Victoria schoolhouse, Nov. 28th, 1908, at 2 p.m.

The councillors present were Lackey, Jackson, Davies, Nelson and Murphy.

The chairman declared the meeting open for the transaction of business.

Minutes of last meeting were read by the secretary.

Motion 46—Moved by Councillors Murphy and Davies—That minutes as read be adopted. Carried.

Motion 47—Moved by Councillors Nelson and Davies—That the time sheets presented by each councillor be accepted and endorsed by the chairman of the district. Carried.

Motion 48—Moved by Councillors Lackey and Murphy—That the secretary notify the Department of Public Works regarding the unsafe condition of the covering of bridge between Secs. 27 and 28, also between Secs. 5 and Township 53 Range 22 W. 4. Carried.

Motion 49—Moved by Councillors Lackey and Nelson—That Councillor Jackson be appointed to see to the covering of culverts between Secs. 18 and 13 in Township 53 Range 22 and 23 W. 4th. Carried.

Motion 50—Moved by Councillors Davies and Nelson—That the treasurer apply to the Town of Fort Saskatchewan for all taxes due to December 31st, 1908, to L.I.D. District No. 27 R. 4 from the Aylen estate, which is being annexed to the Town of Fort Saskatchewan. Carried.

Motion 51—Moved by Councillors Nelson and Jackson—That the secretary apply to L.I.D. No. 27 R. 4 for balance of taxes collected by the above-named district for the year 1907, said balance being due L.I.D. No. 27 R. 4. Carried.

Motion 52—Moved by Councillors Davies and Nelson—That the secretary prepare a statement as per ordinance, showing the amount of arrears collected also taxes for the year 1908, and expenditure of same for annual meeting of ratepayers, and that he receive the sum of \$200 from each division for same. Carried.

Motion 53—Moved by Councillors Nelson and Murphy—That the secretary be authorized to get a sufficient number of nomination and election notices, and all stationery required by law, the same to be forwarded to each returning officer. Carried.

Motion 54—Moved by Councillors Nelson and Davies—That the returning officers be appointed and elections held as follows:

Division No. 1.

Returning officer—Stewart Bready. Polling place—Brookville Schoolhouse.

Division No. 2.

Returning officer—John T. Wallis. Polling place—Good Hope schoolhouse.

Division No. 3.

Returning officer—T. H. Atterwell. Polling place—East Clover Bar schoolhouse.

Division No. 4.

Returning officer—A. Shackleton. Polling place—Yorkville schoolhouse.

Division No. 5.

Returning officer—W. F. Wilkinson. Polling place—Clover Bar schoolhouse.

Motion 55—Moved by Councillors Jackson and Davies—That the secretary be authorized to pay to each councillor the per diem and mileage authorized by the act.

Motion 56—Moved by Councillors Davies and Jackson—That the secretary treasurer receive \$75 on account of salary. Carried.

The following is a list of implements belonging to each division in the district:

Division 1—Five shovels, 1 grading plough.

Division 2—Eight shovels, 1 grading plough.

Division 3—Seven shovels, 1 grading plough.

Division 4—Five shovels, 1 wheel scraper and 1 grading plough.

Division 5—Four shovels, 1 wheel scraper and 1 grading plough.

Motion 57—Moved by Councillors Nelson and Murphy that this council adjourn, and meet again two weeks from date at 2 p.m. Carried.

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Navel Oranges, nice size, 25c doz

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ERTHAY—Strathcona. On the premises of B. E. Andrews (N.W. 14-442 22W4) since last May, light roaster, about four years old, no visible brand. 2 p.m.

GIRL WANTED—For Kitchen Work. Particulars, Windsor Hotel.

TENDERS.

Tenders wanted for the purchase of the old building of the English church, Strathcona, to be removed. May be inspected on application at the rectory. Tenders will be opened on Wednesday, Jan. 1st, and must be addressed to M. Burgess, Strathcona. The highest (or any) tender not necessarily accepted.

TAX NOTICE.

All land in arrears for taxes will be sold according to the provisions of the charter governing same unless the taxes are paid before January 1st. J. D. POSTER, Collector.

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SPECIAL PRICES

ROCKERS, 15 styles, \$1.20 to 10.00

CENTRE TABLES, quartered oak \$2.50 to 12.00

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Military Brushes in Ebony, \$1.50 to \$1.75 pair
Shaving Sets, 2.50 to 5.00
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Comb, Brush and Mirror Sets in
Ebony and Oxidized Silver, 4.00 to 12.00
Brush and Comb Sets in Oxidized
Silver and Ebony, 2.50 to 4.25
Candlesticks, 50c. to 1.00
Fancy Empty Boxes for Manicure
or Toilet Sets, 1.75 to 3.00
Spectacles, Eyes Tested Free

Also a 10 per cent Discount on Perfumes

H. DUNCAN * PHONE 2141
DRUGGIST

Local News

Bishop Pinkham, of Calgary, will preach in Holy Trinity Church on Sunday first.

Mr. Archibald Shaw, of Wetaskiwin, is visiting his sister, Mrs. E. D. Defrain.

The Sunday school of the Baptist church will hold their annual Christmas tree and entertainment on Christmas Eve.

Mrs. J. W. Tipton and family have gone to Stony Plain, where they will spend some time with Mrs. Tipton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Herrick.

In the final for the Sandeman cup, A. McLean defeated W. H. Sheppard, and obtains possession of the cup for one year. The Strathcona cup series are now being played.

The sergeants of B squadron, Alberta Rifles, with headquarters at Strathcona, are making arrangements to hold a dance in the Strathcona opera house on January 15th.

Work has been resumed on the building of Holy Trinity church in this city. It has been arranged to finish the basement and roof it in for the winter. Suitable lighting and heating will be provided, and it is hoped by February 1st to have the basement ready to be used for worship. The pews are already here, and will be put in as soon as the basement is completed. This arrangement, while only a temporary expedient, will greatly improve the conditions for worship over what they are now.

"The Girl from Chili," which is to be the bill at the Grand Opera House next Monday evening, comes, highly acclaimed, by the press of the leading coast and southern cities, as being the most laughable farce-comedy ever written. The plot in "The Girl from Chili" is very easily followed and extremely funny. The specialties are new and up-to-date and are thoroughly enjoyable, especially the singing, and it is safe to say that the famous "Stein" song, which is rendered by Messrs. Dale Condon, Hamby and Frame has never been heard to better advantage. The company will change their programme for Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, but have not, as yet, decided what will be presented. Watch for later announcement.

STRATHCONA DRUGGISTS WIN.

The Strathcona Druggists on Wednesday night defeated the Edmonton Druggists in a hockey match played in the Strathcona rink. The score was 11 to 3 in favor of the University City players. The game was refereed by J. Weir, and the lineup was as follows:

Strathcona. Edmonton.
Duncan Goal Warner
Somers Point Watson
Morris Cover Hardisty
Sutherland Rover Armstrong
Parsons Centre James
Cochrane Left wing Carruthers
Duguid Right wing McNeill

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 26 R 4.

The minutes of the Council meeting held at the residence of Mr. D. H. Mowbray, December 21st, 1908. Present: Councillors Leslie (chairman), Sanford Grummett and Fortas.

It was proposed by Sanford and seconded by Fortas: That \$10.40 be paid in settlement of claim by District 27 R 4 for road work in 26 R 4, 1907, and that this council does not recognize the right of District 27 R 4 to charge interest on same. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Grummett, seconded by Mr. Fortas: That the government be notified of diversions of roads S.E. 3-52-22, extending to N.E. 33 and N.W. 34 and N.E. 11-51-22, cornering four quarters of the N half of 12-31-22 on Beaver Lake Trail N.W. 20-32-21, surveyor's department.

Proposed by Mr. Leslie seconded by Mr. Sanford: That a special meeting be held Tuesday, December 29th, at 10 a.m. Returning officers elected for poll districts.

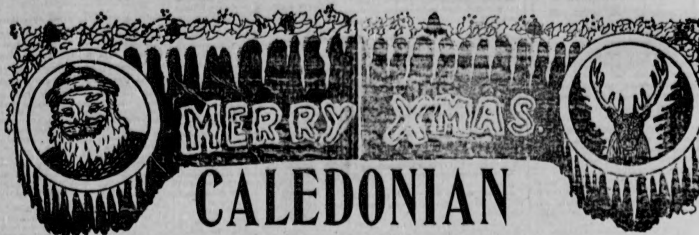
TO EXPLORE IN ARCTIC FIVE YEARS

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Captain Roald Amundsen, the explorer, who sailed through the Northwest passage has sent the complete plans of his next expedition to Council General Henry Land of the San Francisco Norwegian consulate.

He plans to extend the course of his last expedition, starting from San Francisco on his perilous voyage of discovery and research. For more than five years he expects to prolong his life and those of his crew, to the vast ice drifts of the Arctic. He will sail in the Fram, the vessel in which Captain Nansen made his latest Arctic expedition.

The ship will be provisioned for seven years. It may be all of that time before the news of his fate reaches the outside. Amundsen and his men hope to make the voyage the greatest Arctic expedition ever known.

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Christmas Shoppers—Our Xmas Bazaar is the most complete department of its kind in the city. Our display of gifts is the most attractive, and our prices are the lowest. Bring the children and delight them by seeing the magnificent array of dolls and the latest in mechanical toys. Then assist them in composing that letter to Santa Claus on a visit to the "Caledonian Store" for which handsome presents will be given to the boy and girl writing the best and most descriptive letter.

All One Price

Stall No. 1
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Useful Presents

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Whisk and

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Choice Christmas Gifts

Whisk with burnt leather holder, Indian

Head.

Satin Quilted Work Baskets

Dressing Cases from \$2.50 to \$15.00

Manicure Sets

Lovely Satin Handkerchief Satchets

Leather goods in great variety

One only real Isabella Fox Ruff. Reg. \$25

38.00 for

A large quantity of Infants and Childrens

Dresses to clear at .50

Silkette String Ties at .10

Christmas Presents for Men

A large assortment of suitable gifts for your

gentlemen friends, including Handkerchiefs,

plain and monogram, Fancy Armlets and

Braces and Neckwear, Dressing Cases, Shav-

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Tapestry Table Covers, size 8ft. x 4ft. in all

colors, bordered and fringed. Reg. 1.85

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Special Skirt Bargain

12 pure Silk Skirts made of the finest chiffon

taffeta in beautiful shades for evening wear.

These are English styles and were bought

at Sterling price. Would sell in the regular

at \$12.00 to \$15.00, and are a de-

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Stall No. 3
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Fancy Woodwork

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Baskets

Jewel Bags and

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Christmas and New Year's Cards
5c. to \$1.00 Our 5c. line is a wonder

Competition for Boys & Girls

To the boy a handsome Cinematograph and

cabinet films and slide completer.

To the girl a beautiful doll named Bessie,

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Competition closes Dec. 23rd. Age limit 12 years.

Results to be declared by Mr. Williams of Town Topics

on the morning of Xmas eve, and prizes awarded at the

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Write age and name plainly and address letters to

Santa Claus, the Caledonian Store.

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A Tea and Sugar Specialty

20 lb Bag of Sugar

3 lb tin of Galls famous Tea

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China Cabinet, regular \$36.00, now \$26.00

Dresser and Settee, in Oak, regular \$47.00, now \$36.00

Settee, Mahogany Finish, regular \$19.00, now \$14.00

Writing Desk, Oak, regular \$14.00, now \$10.00

Office Tables, regular \$9.00, now \$6.00

Beds, White Enamel, regular \$5.00, now \$4.00

All goods at cost, as I intend going out of business the first of the year

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CAPITAL \$1,500,000.00

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English Mince Meat 20c. per lb.

The quality of these goods is the best

We are taking orders now

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THE STODDART STOCK COMPANY

The Best and Strongest Dramatic and Vaudeville Co. playing Canada

Opening Play "Tom Moore"

A charming story of Ireland's beloved poet. All special scenery,

beautiful costumes, clever refined vaudeville between acts, no waits

PRICES: 25, 35, 50 and 75 Cents

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THREE NIGHTS

Mon., Tues., Wed., Dec. 21, 22, 23,

The comedy hit of the season

"The Girl from Chili" Co.

With an All-Star Cast of 10 Comedians

Change of Bill Nightly

Comedy, Singing, Dancing

PRICES: 25c, 35c, 50c

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Bargains in Christmas Suggestions



Furs a Practical Present

and the way the prices have tumbled here on furs will surprise you.

\$75 beautiful coon coats for men, for **\$49.75**

\$35 ladies' coats with fine genuine sable collar... **\$19.25**

Ladies' fur jackets in astrachan, electric seal, coon, river mink.

At Two-Thirds Reg. Value



A Shipment of Men's Slippers

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Men's Dongola kid slippers, black, McPherson make, sizes 6 to 10, each **\$1.75**

Men's tan Juliette slippers, beautiful soft kid, turn soles, McPherson make, sizes 6 to 10, each **\$2.65**

Lamb's wool soles **25c & 50c**

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Ladies' beautiful cloth coats in colors black, navy, green, brown, and grey.

\$30.00 COATS FOR \$14.75

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The Newest of the New in Ladies' Neckwear at Prices from 10c to \$1.50

New belts, new cushion tops, new chatelaines, etc.

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FUR AND FUR-LINED COATS
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We have a large assortment of fancy Nick-Nacks etc., very suitable for Xmas Gifts which we will sell at half price.

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SHIRT WAISTS, BLOUSES, ETC.
SILK UNDERSKIRTS
DRESS GOODS AND SILKS
BATH ROBES, KIMONAS
GOLF JACKETS
FEATHER BOAS
SILK COLLARS AND BELTS
LINED AND UNLINED GLOVES
FANCY LINEN HANKERCHIEFS
SILK UMBRELLAS
ALL KINDS OF FANCY WORK

TEDDY BEARS AT HALF PRICE

For the balance of the week we will sell the best Teddy Bears at just half price. All sizes and prices from \$1.75 to \$10.00.

Calgary to Have Street Railway

The Calgary delegation which arrived in the city last evening to take in the Potts-Lander match, are hailing over the fact that the southern city expects to have a street car system in full operation at some time in the future. Work has been recently commenced and a double track is being laid down the main street. Commenting on the two lines, Edmonton and Calgary, the Calgary delegation stated that the city of Edmonton was to be congratulated on the fact that she had wide streets. In Calgary the streets and avenues are much narrower, which tends to depreciate the appearance of the street. When filled with street cars, drays, etc.

MONTEBARGO ARMS HELD OF
St. Petersburg, Dec. 17.—A telegram was received here yesterday from the Montebargo national assembly appealing to Russia as the guarantor of the rights of the Montebargo people against the annexation of Russia and Herzegovina by Austria-Hungary. No action has been taken yet.

SIGNIFICANT DESCRIPTIONS.
Tokio, Dec. 17.—The dismissal of seven Japanese professors of the University of Tokyo, a recent comment and is variously ascribed to the triumph of anti-Japanese sentiment and to the uncompromising attitude of the professors and possibly to the American and German rivalry. Formerly there were 20,000 Chinese students in Tokyo. Now there are only a few. It is understood that the American ministry had been instructed to ask an explanation. The Huchi committee that the incident is due to foreign intrigues and demands diplomatic interference. Count Komura's report gives details of the prohibition of Japanese immigration to America which will be introduced in the next session. The Huchi, advising to the American proposal for protection against foreigners says it is only natural that America should restrict Japanese voluntary restriction of Japanese immigration by the measure which is required to enable America to fulfill her treaty obligations.

NOT GUILTY.

(Western Associated Press.)
Halifax, N. S., Dec. 17.—Charles Henry and six other defendants in the charge of the election law violation of the election law yesterday were discharged by Stipendiary Magistrate who held that no evidence had been adduced to show criminal intent in recommending a man to a position in the dockyard.

Bat Nelson's Brainy Scheme

Chicago, Dec. 15.—The crude and far-seeing author of Higwicker, U. S. History, Nelson, thinks that the lightweight situation can be relieved by a series of battles including Percy McPherson, Joe Gans, Freddy Webb and Jimmy Thompson, say and two of them to fight the other two, and winning the most each other, and the final winner to meet the fight date at some future, very much future date. The plan appears very strongly to Nelson, but unfortunately it does not seem to be shared fully received by other people concerned. Freddie Webb says he will fight any of them, but Gans and McPherson had not at the proposition, and Thompson cannot see the beauty of it.

CAPITALISTS LOOK CORAL OVER.
Toronto, Dec. 16.—Baron Herbert Von Pöhl and George O'Hanlon, of the banking firm of Hulse & Co., Consolidated, London, England, are here. They have large mining and industrial interests in South and West Africa, Brazil, South America and Mexico, and will visit the silver fields at Cobalt.

ASSAULTED A POLICEMAN.
Prof. Weiss, who was charged in the police court a few days ago, with having assaulted an officer in the performance of his duty, came for trial before Magistrate F. Foster, last evening, and was fined \$30 and costs.

COAL OIL CAUSES ANOTHER FIRE.
(Western Associated Press.)
Creswell, Sask., Dec. 17.—The general store, post office and dwelling were destroyed by fire last night. The loss of stock is \$10,000, with insurance of \$6,000. The building was valued at \$20,000 and was fully insured. The latter is owned by Samuel Curobert. The stock was owned by J. L. Forrest, recently arrived. The fire was due to an explosion of a coal oil lamp, and only the metal skeleton building prevented the fire spreading to the town hall and the probable destruction of the entire town, as there are no fire appliances.

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Christmas Cakes & Shortbread of all kinds made to order

PHONE 3481 J. E. Elder

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Special Bargain Prices All Week

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